

PENN CAMBRIA SCHOOL DISTRICT
201 6TH STREET
CRESSON, PENNSYLVANIA 16630

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Organization and Regular Meeting
December 4, 2024

MEMBERS: Caleb Drenning, Anthony Dziabo, Jennifer Gmuca, Matthew Kearney, Rudy McCarthy, Guy
Monica, Michael Sheehan, Cindy Sheehan-Westrick, and Jeffrey Stohon

An Organization and Regular Meeting of the Penn Cambria School District Board of Education was called to order by
Matthew Gieg, School Solicitor, at 7:01 P.M., Wednesday, December 4, 2024, in the Library of the Penn Cambria High
School.

ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Mr. Anthony Dziabo
- Dr. Jennifer Gmuca
- Mr. Matthew Kearney
- Mr. Rudy McCarthy
- Mr. Michael Sheehan
- Mrs. Cindy Sheehan-Westrick
- Mr. Jeffrey Stohon
- TOTAL. 7

MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Mr. Caleb Drenning
 - Mr. Guy Monica
 - TOTAL. 2
- QUORUM PRESENT.

AMONG OTHERS PRESENT:

- Jaime Hartline, Superintendent
- Matthew Gieg, School Solicitor
- Jill Francisco, Business Administrator
- Jeanette Black, Assistant to the Superintendent
- Carrie Conrad, Special Education Director
- Benjamin Watt, High School Principal
- Dane Harrold, Middle School Principal
- Joseph Smorto, Elementary Principal
- Scott Sherry, Director of Buildings, Grounds, and Maintenance
- Jane Burkholder, School Psychologist
- Jacquelyn Mento, Recording Secretary
- Justine Hrzic-Smith, Food Service Director
- Adam Clevenger, PCEA President
- Kerry Nileski, Teacher
- Stephanie Rossman, Teacher
- Veronica Noll, PCESPA Secretary
- Robin Lappi, PCESPA President
- Kyle Conrad, Student
- Nicole Panick, New Hire
- Kristin Baudoux, Mainliner Reporter

*Mr. Gieg acted as Temporary Chair to open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the subsequent items of
business and discussion.*

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the following were the items of business and discussion.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was offered by Mr. Stohon, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to accept
the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That Board of Directors approve the agenda as presented.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to the following students who successfully auditioned for Cambria County Honor Band:

- Alto Saxophone:* Cain Trexler
- Clarinet:* Kaylee Biel, Avery Hanlon -2nd Chair, Jaeda Hurst -1st Chair, Adyson Lloyd, Aidan Ligas, and Brielle Nunez
- Euphonium:* *Camryn Ashworth and Vincenzo Ricupero -1st Chair
- Flute:* *Hailey Farabaugh, Lily Kay, Caitlin Myers -2nd Chair, *Allison New, **Lauren New, and Elizabeth Zumstein
- French Horn:* Sophia Miller -2nd Chair
- Trumpet:* Isabella Askins -3rd Chair, Isaiah Askins, *Jada Nagle, and Kendal Wessel

Snare Drum: Dominic Weisinger
Tuba: Rocco Ricupero -1st Chair
Trombone: Athena Oklamchak and Grace Gregg

* Students, along with Kassidy Adams - *Tenor Saxophone*, Charles Golden - *Trombone*, and Christina Myers - *Trombone*, will go on to perform in the District VI Honor Band at Bellwood-Antis on January 22-24th under the direction of Dr. Ben Blasko from Lipscomb University.

ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT

Nominations for President were opened by Mr. McCarthy and seconded by Mrs. Sheehan-Westrick. Mr. McCarthy nominated Michael Sheehan; Mr. Kearney seconded the nomination of Michael Sheehan. Nominations were closed on a motion by Mr. Kearney and a second by Mr. Stohon. Mr. Kearney offered a motion which was seconded by Mr. McCarthy and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to elect Michael Sheehan, President, Penn Cambria Board of Directors.

Mr. Gieg turned the meeting over to newly elected Board President, Mr. Sheehan.

ELECTION OF A VICE-PRESIDENT

Mrs. Sheehan-Westrick opened nominations for Board Vice-President, seconded by Mr. Kearney. Mr. Kearney nominated Rudy McCarthy; Mr. Dziabo seconded the nomination of Rudy McCarthy. Dr. Gmuca offered a motion which was seconded by Mr. Stohon, to close nominations. A motion was offered by Mr. Kearney, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan-Westrick and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to elect Rudy McCarthy, Vice-President, Penn Cambria Board of Directors.

APPOINTMENT OF A SOLICITOR

A motion was offered by Mr. Stohon, seconded by Dr. Gmuca, and approved by roll call vote, to accept the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the law firm of *Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham, L.L.P.* 313 West High Street, Suite 209, Ebensburg, PA, be appointed Solicitor to the Board of School Directors for calendar year 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Mr. Dziabo, Dr. Gmuca, Mr. Kearney, Mr. McCarthy, Mrs. Sheehan-Westrick, Mr. Stohon, Mr. Sheehan

NO: 0

Mr. Gieg, on behalf of Attorney Repak and himself, thanked that Board of Directors for the reappointment and allowing the law firm to serve the Penn Cambria School District for another year.

ADOPTION OF CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

A motion was offered by Mrs. Sheehan-Westrick, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to accept the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the regular meetings and work sessions (Committee of the Whole) are designated to commence at 7:00 p.m. in the Library of the Penn Cambria High School on the date indicated each month, except in July when there is no work session. The Board shall reorganize on the first Tuesday of December.

MONTH	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE	REGULAR MEETING
January	14 th	21 st
February	11 th	18 th
March	11 th	18 th
April	8 th	15 th
May	13 th	20 th
June	10 th	17 th
July		22 nd
August	12 th	19 th
September	9 th	16 th
October	14 th	21 st
November	11 th	18 th
December	<i>Organization followed by Regular Meeting</i> 2 nd	

MINUTES

A motion was offered by Mr. Kearney, seconded by Mr. Dziabo, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to accept the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the regular meeting held November 19, 2024, be approved as recorded in the copies mailed to the Board prior to this meeting.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

A motion was offered by Mr. Stohon, seconded by Dr. Gmuca, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to accept the following resolutions:

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY INVOICES PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 2024

RESOLVED: That the Business Administrator is authorized to pay general fund, capital projects fund, and cafeteria fund invoices for the month of December 2024.

INTERIM REAL ESTATE TAX ASSESSMENT

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors of the Penn Cambria School District approve Interim Real Estate Tax Assessment for 2025-2026 as per Section 677.1 of Public-School Code.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Attorney Matthew Gieg informed the Board of Directors that there will be an executive session this evening to discuss legal matters.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

A motion was offered by Mr. Dziabo, seconded by Mr. Stohon, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to accept the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Superintendent’s recommendations be approved as follows:

A. PERSONNEL ACTIONS

1. Accept Resignations, effective December 6, 2024
 - a. Kiana Brink, Ashville, High School Nurse
 - b. Christina Plouse, Cresson, Intermediate School Health Room Assistant
2. Accept Resignations, effective immediately
 - a. Austin Farabaugh, Loretto, Volunteer Wrestling Coach
 - b. Alyssa Martinazzi, Cresson, Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach
 - c. Brock Talko, Lilly, Volunteer Wrestling Coach
3. Approve Appointments, effective pending documentation
 - a. Michael Hanlon, Ashville, Volunteer Baseball Coach
 - b. Patrick Hanlon, Gallitzin, Volunteer Baseball Coach
 - c. Nicole Panick, Cresson, High School Math Teacher, Masters Step TOP, \$75,178
 - d. Courtney Johnson, Windber, High School Nurse, Bachelors Step 1, \$41,638
4. Approve Mentor for the 2024-2025 school year, stipend per PCEA contract:

<u>Professional Staff</u>	<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Angela Gibbons	Sandra Warner	\$250
Nicole Panick	Stephanie Rossman	\$250
5. Approve McIlwain School Bus Lines, Inc. Drivers, effective pending documentation
 - a. Amy Clifford, South Fork
 - b. Brandon Connor, Shanksville
 - c. Debbie Keen, Johnstown
 - d. Garrett Wall, Windber

HEARING OF VISITORS - There were no questions, concerns, comments, related to school business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Mr. Sheehan thanked everyone for a wonderful year and wished them a very Merry Christmas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - The Board of Directors entered Executive Session to discuss legal matters at 7:13 P.M. on a motion by Mr. Kearney, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan-Westrick.

Regular meeting reconvened at 7:40 P.M. on a motion by Mr. Stohon, seconded by Dr. Gmuca.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by Dr. Gmuca, seconded by Mr. Dziabo, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to accept the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned at 7:40 P.M.